

Dear Bill,

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Your brother wrote beautifully about your father and Bill gave it what I think ordinarily would be an exceptional amount of space. You should all feel good that people had that high an opinion of your father.

It is possible that your dad did not discourage your interest because he also had doubts and questions he did not express but had in mind.

If Lil has not said anything, she did appreciate the card. But neither of us is doing very well. She is in physical therapy three times a week, which means that when I drive her there it comes to 2 1/2 hours each time or more. She is doing well in that. The therapist, who is a friend, is impressed, but the pain from that nerve comes back evenings. It passes off in her sleep and then comes back gradually. I'm constantly afraid she'll fall. I'm afraid to be away from home for long for that reason. But I will leave early in the morning to get an overdue haircut. Lil has cut it for years but she is not now up to that, she is that unsteady on her feet. (Have you any idea how many weeks her cutting my hair has given me for work over the years? More likely months by now!)

On Clinton, Reception was poor on the radio when we were going to and from the therapists and I did not comprehend much of it but I think I got something from his tone of voice. Got a little more when home but there poor hearing and poor taping combined to make most of it incomprehensible for me. The Post this a.m. has the transcript and I think I may read it. My impression, which is not based on full knowledge, is that the GOPs did themselves in and that with a campaign of show me what is an impeachable offense, if consistent and determined, the GOPs will get clobbered. Most American are not surprised by extra-marital sex and assume most of their politicians practise it. I think that most of the anti-Clinton votes in polls are from the Christian and other farright. I think that the disclosure of the grand jury proceeding will turn many people off and how Clinton handled it and Starr did not will reverse the decline in the vote that has been favorable to him. The whole thing is an outrage and an effort to subvert the constitution, to drive the country to the right and to reduce the presidency while giving authoritarian power to the Congress. Sex and lying about it are not the equivalent of treason and the indictable offenses were of presidencies, not private lives.

I've sent Clay the text of an as yet untitled ms. on Twyman and Fetzer and I've just started the conclusions.

Our sympathies and our best to you all.

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